

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 513

By Swann

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Councilman Joe Swann on the occasion of his retirement as a member of the Maryville City Council.

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor those who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Joe Swann is one such estimable person who, after years of devoted service as a member of the Maryville City Council, will be taking his much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, a native of Maryville, Councilman Swann is the owner of Workshop Tools, Inc., in Pigeon Forge, which he serves as president, and was co-owner of Cherokee Lumber Co. in Maryville for almost thirty years; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated public servant, Councilman Joe Swann served on the City Council since 1997 and as the Mayor of Maryville from 2003 to 2009. He has been involved with a host of civic organizations, including the East Tennessee Historical Society Board of Directors and the Blount County Historic Trust, both of which he served as president; and

WHEREAS, he holds an appointment to the Tennessee Historical Commission, is an inductee in the Jefferson County Historical Society Hall of Fame and the Maryville *Daily Times* Wall of Fame, was a University of Tennessee Chancellor's associate, and is on the Tennessee Archaeology Council and the David Crockett Statue Commission; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as councilman, Joe Swann distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Swann's outstanding success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, when not chasing history, Councilman Joe Swann enjoys fly fishing, bird hunting, and tennis; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Councilman Swann is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Becky Greene Swann; their three sons, Tony, Will, and Ben; and three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Swann is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Councilman Joe Swann on the occasion of his retirement, extending our gratitude for his service and our best wishes for continued success and happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.